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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification *Total Pages* **27** (preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Application
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) *[Total Sheets]* **17**
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named in prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2)
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8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
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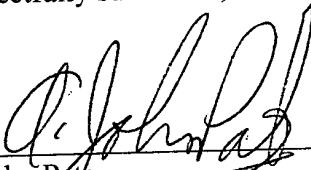
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